GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:202
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2016
Rehabilitation of Beedi Workers
Gupta Shri Shyama Charan

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether closure of beedi factories/units has impacted the livelihood of the beedi workers and if so, the details thereof;
(b)whether the Government proposes to rehabilitate and provide alternative employment to the beedi workers rendered unemployed due to closure of beedi factories and if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred in this regard and beneficiaries therefrom, State/UT-wise;
(c)whether the Government has any proposal to provide education and
vocational training to such workers and if so, the details thereof; and
(d)the other social security schemes being implemented for the benefit of beedi workers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 202 FOR 01.08.2016 BY SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN GUPTA REGARDING REHABILITATION OF BEEDI WORKERS.

a) No Madam. However, it is stated that several representations were received from the organisations representing Beedi Workers and Manufactures regarding the adverse consequences of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Notification No. GSR/727(E) dated 15.10.2014 prescribing 85% pictorial warning on the Beedi packets. In this regard a meeting was held with all stake holders on 21.04.2016 under my chairmanship and the concern of this Ministry was conveyed to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

b) & c) The Ministry of Labour and Employment has taken steps to impart vocational training to the Beedi Workers through modular employment scheme to provide them alternative source of income to improve their livelihood. The details of beneficiaries along with expenditure State/UT wise are at Annexure-A.

d) The details of other social security schemes being implemented by this Ministry for the benefit of Beedi workers is at Annexure B.